

SENATE BILL 2097

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;
Title 56 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 26, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) On and after July 1, 2022, every insurer that issues, amends, or renews a group policy or contract in this state, and every nonprofit hospital and medical service plan corporation that issues, amends, or renews a group service plan contract in this state, that provides coverage for Veklury (remdesivir) shall also provide coverage for monoclonal antibody infusions and budesonide treatment at a cost to the insured no greater than the cost of Veklury (remdesivir) to the insured.

(b) With respect to policies and contracts as described in subsection (a) that were delivered or issued for delivery in this state on or before July 1, 2022, each insurer and nonprofit hospital and medical service plan corporation shall notify the insured of the availability of coverage described in subsection (a).

(c) Notwithstanding § 56-7-1005, this section does not apply to:

(1) The TennCare program administered under the Medical Assistance Act of 1968, compiled in title 71, chapter 5, part 1, or a successor Medicaid program;

(2) The CoverKids Act of 2006, compiled in title 71, chapter 3, part 11, or a successor program; or

(3) The prescription drug program described in chapter 57 of this title, or
a successor program.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.